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Press Release

Hull man gets 4 years State Prison for 5th Offense OUI

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Joseph Buckley, formerly of Warfield Ave in Hull, is headed to state prison for 4 years to 4 years and one day after admitting he was drunk when he cracked up a stolen truck in Quincy in November 2008.

“Given this man's obvious level of inebriation at the time of the crash, it is only by fortune that he smashed into a telephone pole and not a pedestrian or another car,” District Attorney William Keating said after the plea. “We are pleased that Judge Fishman took this conduct as seriously as we believe it warranted.”

Assistant District Attorney Debi Payton had asked Judge Kenneth Fishman to impose a penalty of 4 to 5 years in State Prison 5 being the maximum amount allowed by statute for 5th offense OUI. Defense Attorney Robert Tutino had requested 2 ½ to 2 ½ and a day in State Prison.

Buckley, who has state records reflecting a birthday of both Dec. 8, 1960 and Dec. 8, 1961, pled guilty to stealing the truck and received 2 years in house of correction in Salem District Court, according to Salem court records. That conviction caused the receiving stolen property indictment in Norfolk County to be dismissed as duplicative.

Quincy Fire Fighters witnessed the crash at roughly 8:17 p.m. on November 9, 2008 from the window of the firehouse at the intersection of Hancock Street and East Squantum Street after hearing tires screech then ran to the scene to assist. Keating praised Quincy firefighters and police for their professional work on this case.

Any and all defendants mentioned are legally innocent until proven guilty.